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I. McBeth-Brown
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Docket No. 122.1329/CJG

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Hisanori FUJISAWA

Serial No.: 09/045,041

Filed: March 20, 1998

Group Art Unit: 2123

Examiner: H. Jones

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CARRYING OUT CIRCUIT SIMULATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** the pending claims as follows:

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9. (TWICE AMENDED) A method of carrying out simulation of a circuit, comprising:
inputting data comprising configurations for a plurality of partial circuits, and connectional
relationships for input and output terminals of the partial circuits;
extracting, from the circuit to be simulated, the plurality of partial circuits to inspect for
equivalent operational characteristics;
inspecting the plurality of partial circuits to detect partial circuits exhibiting equivalent
operational characteristics, based on the configurations of the plurality of partial circuits, and
judging equivalence when the configurations of said plurality of partial circuits are mutually
existent; and
compressing the circuit by integrating the partial circuits exhibiting equivalent operational
characteristics into one circuit and simulating the compressed circuit.

**REPLY/AMENDMENT
FEE TRANSMITTAL**

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED

0.00

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FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/00)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	34	- 37 =	-3	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	- 4 =	0	X \$ 80.00 =	0.00

Since an Official Action set an original due date of _, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$390); 3 months (\$890); 4 months (\$1,390); 5 months (\$1,890)):

If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$310)

If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110)

Total of above Calculations =

\$ 0.00

Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)

TOTAL FEES DUE =

\$ 0.00

(1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0".

(2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".

(4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".

(5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- ☐ Check enclosed as payment.
- ☐ Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below.
- ☐ No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date).

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

- ☒ If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:

Deposit Account No.

19-3935

Deposit Account Name

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- ☒ The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC ' 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

Typed Name Christine Joan Gilsdorf

Reg. No.

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Signature

C. Joan Gilsdorf

Date

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